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Gypsy
Dear Mr. Williams,

You may remember that I wrote to you sometime ago when you were going to visit Northern Ireland. I'm sorry we did not meet at that time and although I was in Belfast several times.

My wife, Venice, and I have just been over to France to stay with Vanko Rouda, secretary of the Gypsy Association. We attended a meeting in Paris on Sunday with Juan Fernandez, Stevo Demeter, M. Clement Le Cossee and discussed the situation in Britain and Ireland.

They are most anxious that some form of association should be established here through which Gypsy and travelling people can represent themselves to the Government and local authorities, as was started with the Gypsy Crusade some years ago.

In France, as you know, the Romany Evangelical Church is doing wonderful work to unite Gypsy people and raise their spirit. We went to a service at the chapel in Montreuil and found it most moving. We are not church goers, but we see that the evangelical church has a great role to play in raising the spirit and status of our people.

As 'parents of honour' of Vanko's son Manuel, according to custom, we have become part of his family and feel this link with Gypsies on the Continent is important.

I would like to have a copy of your newsletter sometime and will send a subscription if regular copies can be sent to this address.

Yours sincerely,

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